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It is a month of very special birthdays! We wish Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth a very happy 90th Birthday this month and we look forward to the official celebrations in May & June.

Happy Birthday Charlotte Bronte, sharing the Queen's Birthday, April 21st; We salute the original Woman of Worth, literary trailblazer, and indefatigable spirit. The Bronte Parsonage celebrates the bicentennial of Charlotte's birth with a party at the Old School Rooms in Haworth. There will be cake, (and lots more) see details on page 13. You are invited and we hope to see you there!

Another woman set to rock Yorkshire this month is Lizzie Armitstead, the world class cycling heroine from Otley. Lizzie will take on the Asda Women's Tour de Yorkshire race, showcasing the legacy created from the Tour de France (page 22).

Save the dates: May 13-15 for vintage delights as the Haworth 1940s weekend takes shape under the banner of Airborne this year (page 21).

The Black Bull returns with the second annual MacMillan Cancer Support Music Festival April 8-10... Three days of entertainment with over 30 live acts, (page 23) well worth a visit.

A hearty welcome to Haworth Wholefoods, the newly opened hot spot for organic bread, veggies, fruit, and provisions on Haworth Main Street (page 5).

With longer days and increased sunshine (we live in hope) we have included a pleasant walk on the canal towpath and around Riddlesden golf course. With so much to do we've extended our community pages.

Have a great April!



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Between overseeing the shop fitters and taking delivery of the refrigeration units Sally managed to speak to me about her ideas and the 'whys' behind Haworth Wholefoods.

"It seemed to me the area was not particularly well served from an organic and wholefood perspective," she explained. "I have spent many years working in and around Hebden Bridge, including managing Saker Wholefoods. I have had a long held desire to create a store of my own but Hebden Bridge seemed fairly saturated. When this location in Haworth became available I was keen to take it up. Seeing businesses like Cobbles & Clay thrive here has given me the confidence to come to Haworth. I think we share the same ethos and learning that Haworth was the first Fairtrade village in the world was another confirmation of certain shared values."

I asked Sally what the community can expect to find in Haworth Wholefoods.

"Well, as you might guess, we sell a wide variety of wholefoods! More than that, we have locally sourced products such

as honey and jam, artisan-made organic bread from Saker Bakery in Todmorden, and organic fruit and veg. We specialise in vegetarian and vegan, gluten-free, fairtrade, sugar-free alternatives - basically foods that are ethically sourced, organic wherever possible, delicious and good for you," Sally confirmed. "We also sell eco-friendly toiletries and household cleaning products as well as bio-degradable nappies and much more!"

Most people will find something they like here, and you don't have to be vegan or vegetarian to feel at home either.

Sally emphasised, "Everyone is welcome. We want to provide wholesome nutritious food and provisions for all. If we don't have what you are looking for, just ask and we'll see if we can source it."

Welcome to the Worth Valley, Haworth Wholefoods!

Here is some feedback from a few local people:

"So far I've tried the oat loaf, seeded loaf & spelt bread - they are all absolutely delicious!" Caroline Rose

"I am delighted to welcome Haworth Wholefoods, a great addition to our Fairtrade village."

Rita Verity, Sonia's Smile

"Good luck to Haworth Wholefoods. Great to see a grocer at the top of Main St. again and great to see all the Fairtrade lines in store too. God bless you in your quest to make Haworth healthy, local and ethical eaters!" Rev. Chris Upton West Lane Baptist Church

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school, there are many conditions which, although they may cause significant problems to a child and their ability to learn, will not be picked up at a screening. Vision screening is only designed to pick up amblyopia, it doesn't assess if the eyes are healthy, if glasses are needed, or if there are any colour

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Keighley & Worth Valley Railway: A day in the life...

It's difficult to describe a typical 'day in the life of...' as chairman of a heritage railway.

For me, it's a constant juggling act between my day job, which now takes me to London a day or two per week; home life, with the long-suffering Mrs S, a couple of children and three little dogs to enjoy spending time with; as well as the Railway. Most days there's some Railway-related email traffic to deal with, and an increasing number of conference calls with other volunteers as we work around domestic and professional commitments. In the last few weeks,

we have been discussing funding opportunities, next year's budget, and how we can continue to attract new volunteers to help us keep the wheels turning for many years to come in preparation for the next Board meeting.

As well as the longer-term, we also are keen to be 'good neighbours' and so support a number of local initiatives. I recently spoke to a group of Oxenhope villagers about the history of the line and the Railway's impact on the village since it open in 1867. I was able to share stories of working with the village over the years, including the time when we became the only route in and out of a snow-bound Oxenhope and in recent times the support we have given to the organisers of the Straw Race who needed a location to start their fantastic village event. Similarly, we've hosted the Manorlands star light hike and worked the team on various

fund-raising projects.

One of the more unusual duties I undertook recently was in support of the Haworth Fair Trade fortnight, when I had the honour of meeting the Lord Mayor of Bradford. I managed to get photographed whilst wearing the Fair Trade apron she presented to me whilst I was still clutching the bouquet of Fair Trade flowers I was presenting to her. It was great to be able to support the fortnight and to celebrate Haworth having been named the first Fair Trade village over a decade ago. After these ceremonial duties, and helping to serve a Fair Trade breakfast to passengers, I went to speak to

a meeting of our Young Person's Group. This Group is for our younger volunteers, aged 13 to 15, and is a means for them to experience what life as a volunteer is like, getting an into the workings of the various departments and

operations that we need to run the Railway. They were meeting for a day-long session on safety and rules, as well as talks from various senior members of the Railway, underlining the importance of the discipline needed to join the volunteering team and the significance of the Group to our long-term future.

And when I'm not doing all that, I write articles for local publications to make sure our neighbours know what's going on and to give them an insight into what goes on behind the scenes to keep those increasingly vintage wheels turning...

Matt Stroh - Chairman KWVR



Matt Stroh, chairman of the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, Bradford Lord Mayor Joanne Dodd, Rita Verity & Chris Upton representing Fairtrade Haworth & Keighley.

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THE YOUNG WRITERS' CLUB

What is citizenship?

Have you ever wondered what it means to be a good Citizen? At the Young Writers Club we have been thinking about what it means to be a good Citizen and what a good Citizen does. Citizenship begins at home and then school with cleaning your bedroom and helping to keep your classroom tidy. Being a good Citizen is about taking responsibility, volunteering to help, making the best of it and being friendly of course. Another way to contribute as a citizen is to become a School Councillor or School Eco-councillor and help improve the environment and your school.

Over the next few issues, we are hoping to bring you interviews with local citizens, councillors and our Member of Parliament to find out what their role is in helping our villages, towns and country become a better place to live.



Active citizenship



We have written a letter to David Cameron, the Prime Minister, and Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, to ask them about the benefits of staying in or leaving the EU.

We asked them what the benefits would be for children...

We hope to publish their replies!



Worth Valley Young Writers, Chloe and Lainie, participating in Stanbury Village School Egyptian exhibition and putting the final touches to their letters to David Cameron and Boris Johnson.



Spring images for the Worth & Aire Valley Mags by Photographer, Sophie Tankard, from Parkside School.

This article has been written by Lainie and Chloe from Stanbury Village School. The Young Writers' Club meets weekly in term time at Cobbles & Clay in Haworth. The group is open to both Primary (year 6) pupils and secondary school students who are interested in writing, photography, multi media and digital arts. Contact Liz Barker for details. 01535 642227

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM



2016 is the bicentenary of Charlotte Brontë's birth and an exciting year for the Brontë Parsonage Museum and Haworth. In our continuing

series of articles celebrating Charlotte, we meet Collections Manager Ann Dinsdale.

Tell us a little about yourself:

I was born just over the border in Lancashire but grew up in Keighley, and have spent the last twenty years living in Haworth. I first visited the village on a school trip in the 1960s and have been enthralled by the history and the wild landscape of the area ever since.

How long have you worked at the Museum?

I came to work at the Parsonage early in 1989 as a part-time museum assistant. By the following year I was working full-time in the Museum's research library and twenty-seven years later I'm still here.

Tell us about a typical day:

I'm not sure there is a typical day at the Parsonage. A lot of my time is spent in the research library, which also serves as a curatorial office, working with my colleagues Sarah Laycock and Amy Rowbottom. We look after the researchers who come to the library and also spend time dealing with the many enquiries we receive each week. This year

has been particularly busy and as well as arranging the displays at the Parsonage, we have also been dealing with loan requests from other museums who are planning Brontë exhibitions of their own to celebrate Charlotte's bicentenary. We've been assisting a BBC production team working on Sally Wainwright's new Brontë drama, *To Walk Invisible*. We never know when we'll receive a call alerting us to the sale of an important Brontë item and then fundraising and working on grant applications takes precedence.

What is your favourite item linked to Charlotte in the Parsonage collection?

It would probably be Charlotte's portable writing desk. It comes complete with its original contents - a fascinating assortment of pen nibs, wax seals and odds and ends which Charlotte had squirreled away inside it. I remember seeing it for the first time when I visited the Parsonage as a child and longing to own one like it.

And your favourite Charlotte quote?

I think some of Charlotte's finest writing is found in her letters, particularly those written after the publication of *Jane Eyre*, when a new circle of literary correspondents opened up to Charlotte. The letters written after the deaths of her sisters are heart-breaking and stay in my mind.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

We're looking forward to celebrating **Charlotte's birthday on 21 April. There will be activities throughout the day at the Museum and a party at the Old School Room.** We hope lots of local residents will come along and join us.

Thursday 21 April 2016 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charlotte Brontë
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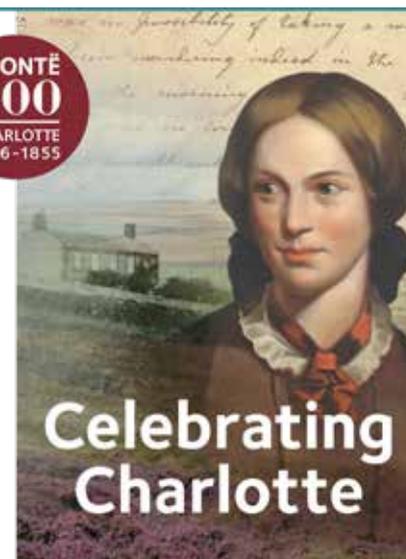


The Old School Room, Haworth 11am to 4pm

Everyone is invited to Charlotte's 200th birthday party. There'll be lots going on throughout the day, so join us for tea and cake or dress up and write a birthday poem! Admission free. Donations of cake welcome.

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breath and mind to feel more energised, calmer and to improve your sense of well-being. The combined benefits of gentle movement, relaxation, breath awareness and meditation techniques help give a sense of control in difficult situations.

Yoga can provide different ways of seeing yourself and your place in the general scheme of things. Seeing things from new perspectives can rejuvenate the way you relate to yourself, to others and to situations that formerly have seemed insurmountable.

Many people who experience long periods of stress notice the impact on their physical health. Research suggests that Yoga techniques can help you de-stress your life are shown below.

High Blood Pressure and Heart Disease

Yoga is recognised as providing muscle strength which is instrumental in regulating blood sugar and blood pressure, both integral to maintaining a healthy heart.

Insomnia

Relaxation training aims to reduce tension or minimise intrusive thoughts that may be interfering with sleep.

Anxiety and Depression

Yoga can be an activity you enjoy with other people. Both exercise and group activities

have recognised benefits for improving mood states. Breathing, relaxation and meditation techniques can also help.

Digestion and IBS

The combined techniques of Yoga have been shown to help cope with the underlying impact of intense emotional states such as stress and anxiety which can trigger chemical changes that interfere with the normal workings of the digestive system.

Asthma

Sometimes asthma is associated with stress. Certain types of yoga breathing exercises are recognised as helping some people with asthma.

Aches and Pains

Gentle exercises, like Yoga, along with controlled breathing are used in programmes to help people deal with pain and the stress caused by pain. Practising relaxation techniques regularly can also help to reduce persistent pain and headaches.

Postnatal

The combined methods of relaxation, breath awareness, relaxation and meditation can help support coping with postnatal sleeplessness, anxiety and mood state. Gentle movement helps to get the body back in shape.

Information source: NHS Choices:
www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx

Shelley Robinson has taught Yoga for over 25 years. In her work with the NHS she set up and delivered the Cancer Information Centre at BRI and is also a qualified Senior Health Promotion Specialist, more recently working on a freelance basis. She is a British Wheel of Yoga qualified teacher further qualified with Mandala Yoga Ashram - an internationally recognised centre, teaching the integral practices of Yoga. Ring Shelley on 07957488639 or visit www.shellyyoga.com for more information.

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Clear Out and Clean Up for Spring



speedy is that instead of decluttering room by room, she tackles belongings by subject, starting with what is easiest to part with. So, all the clothes, then all the books, then documents, then miscellany and, last and most difficult, photos and mementos.

"The inside of a house or flat after decluttering has much in common with a Shinto shrine ... a place where there are no unnecessary things, and our thoughts become clear," she says.

"It is the place where we appreciate all the things that support us. It is where we review and rethink about ourselves."

The Kondo method may be a little extreme for some readers. Hiring a personal space clearer isn't for everyone, in fact probably only a few will take up this kind of approach.

But the benefits of having a good spring clean is within most people's reach. Buying in certain services can take the hassle out of it too.

Help is only a phone call away! Get your oven cleaned by a professional. Commit to a regular cleaning service. Apart from having to tidy up a bit on the day that the cleaner arrives, you will soon get into the habit and appreciate having more time to enjoy your life with less dust and clutter.

While you're on a roll, why not tackle the other areas that may benefit from a spring treatment? Call the carpet cleaners; have your car valeted, and ring the gardeners and book a seasonal tidy.

Whether you fancy rolling your socks sushi style in the drawer like Marie Kondo is not the point. The main thing is to take some action and feel the benefits of putting things in some semblance of order.

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organising, by Marie Kondo, is an international bestseller. The book is more about a philosophy of owning things. (In fact, it's the #1 bestseller on Amazon in the Zen Philosophy book category.)

Kondo sees tidying as a cheerful conversation in which anything that doesn't "spark joy" is to be touched, thanked and ceremonially sent on its way towards a better life elsewhere, where it can discover a more appreciative owner.

The results can be life changing, she says. Clients suddenly find themselves surrounded entirely by things that provide clarity, unencumbered by belongings that carry baggage (unwanted gifts, clothes that no longer fit) or anxieties about the future. Even her book, she says, should be quickly discarded when it's no longer needed.

Part of what makes her method unusually

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It can't have escaped many people's notice that Haworth has been facing some tough times, in terms of local facilities. Amid the closure of the fire station and the threat to the Visitors' Centre, it's not surprising many people believed rumours about the community centre closing. However, unlike the closures that continue to worry the village, the community centre is one place that certainly isn't closing. Many people in Haworth have fond memories of the building in Butt Lane, as it was where they went to school. However, in recent years its suffered from underinvestment and, despite being in constant use by the Scouts, local markets, badminton and gardening groups, it's started to look a little unloved. Jonny Olsson, the man who's made it his mission to keep it open, says it isn't surprising people thought it was closing: "You look at it from the outside and it looks like a building that's seen better days. Inside, it's certainly true that it needs sprucing up, but it's a huge space with so much to offer." Jonny, who chairs the group that are taking on the centre after help from the Parish Councils, says changes inside are happening already. At the end of last year, for example, he

and fellow committee member James Credland, re-built the stage, just in time for the Steampunk weekend. "It was great to see the centre so full of life," says Jonny, "and great to see the stage in use. There simply isn't another venue of this size outside of Keighley with this kind of facility. The centre also boasts a bar and a number of side rooms, but Jonny isn't stopping at that. "The building has huge potential and we're working on plans to get every room back in use. It's already great for dances, parties and festivals but we're hoping to open up the office space and the kitchen area and make it something the community can be proud of again." However, the centre can only run if local people continue to use it. The group say they are determined it stays affordable for the local community, but say they need the communities support: "We need volunteers to fix the space up, businesses who can sponsor us or help support party packages and, most importantly, people to come through the door and book," concludes Jonny. **Kevin Campbell-Wright**
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SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, has seen a significant increase in need for support from the Yorkshire Armed Forces community. This spring, in a bid to meet the increase in need, SSAFA is launching a search across the length and breadth of Yorkshire to find new recruits to join its ranks of dedicated volunteers. The military charity, whose network of volunteers support serving personnel, reservists, veterans and their families, has seen the number of home visits alone rising by 93% between 2014 and 2015 in North Yorkshire.

SSAFA is the oldest national military charity in the UK, supporting 55,000 people in the Armed Forces community each year. SSAFA has four branches in Yorkshire – North, South, East and West with new volunteers urgently needed in Scarborough & Locale, Bridlington, Rotherham and Sheffield. The charity expects the increase in requests for help to continue to grow due to the ageing population of the UK and an increase in younger veterans from more recent conflicts, and their families, coming

SSAFA volunteer case workers support members of the Armed Forces community in a range of ways, including:

- visiting them in their homes, assessing their needs
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- support with issues such as homelessness, marriage breakdown, debt and mental health problems.

forward for help. In 2005, 25% of the beneficiaries SSAFA supported locally across the UK were under 60 years of age, ten years later; this figure has risen to over 40%.

If you are interested in joining your local SSAFA team, to give something back to the Armed Forces community in Yorkshire, please contact SSAFA on 0845 658 1167 or visit www.ssafa.org.uk/newrecruits

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World Champion Lizzie Armitstead to ride the Asda Women's Tour de Yorkshire Race

Yorkshire's own World Champion Lizzie Armitstead is the first rider to announce she will compete in the Asda Women's Tour de Yorkshire on Saturday 30 April.

The race has secured title sponsorship with Asda supermarkets and will take place on exactly the same course as the men's race being held later that day, on a 135km route from Otley to Doncaster.

Race organisers Welcome to Yorkshire and A.S.O have also announced that the prize fund makes it the most lucrative women's cycle race in the world, with a total of £50,000 on offer to individuals and teams.

The first prize for this one day race will be £15,000, second will be £10,000 and third, £5,000, with prize money down to 20th place.

Otley born Armitstead, who currently tops the women's world rankings after a series of impressive wins in the season so far, said: "The Asda Tour de Yorkshire Women's race will be my first race in the UK in my World Champions jersey and it's an absolute dream to be starting in my home town."

Speaking of the sponsorship and reasons to support women's racing, Andy Clarke, Asda President and CEO said: "It's a privilege to be supporting the Tour de Yorkshire women's race and helping to raise the profile of women's sports. In 2014 Asda was the official partner of



Lizzie Armitstead with Welcome to Yorkshire Chief Executive, Sir Gary Verity

the Tour Makers for the Yorkshire Grand Départ, which was a resounding success. We're incredibly proud of our Yorkshire roots and wanted to remain part of this exciting legacy that works to bring communities together in celebration of an amazing sport set against the backdrop of an unbeatable county."

The Asda Women's Tour de Yorkshire will be broadcast live, on ITV4 and Eurosport.

As the women's race is ranked 1.2 by the world governing body, UCI, it has been able to attract some of the world's best riders as well as domestic teams. Armitstead will race with the Great Britain Cycling Team.

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April is here, warm in the sun but cool in the shade with lots to look forward to in the months ahead. With the lighter nights all those extra jobs can be done in the garden in readiness for the season ahead.

Make sure your greenhouse is washed down thoroughly to get rid of any pests and diseases and to clean the windows to let in maximum light to aid growing.

Sow tomatoes, marrows, squashes, pumpkins & courgettes in the greenhouse.

Sowing cabbage, cauliflowers, Brussels sprouts & runner beans in the greenhouse can really speed up their development so you have sturdy grown on plants ready to plant out once the risk of frost has gone.

Just remember to keep your eye on the seedlings once they germinate as they will need thinning out to give each individual plant its own growing space.



Start sowing carrots, beetroot, peas, turnips, lettuce etc direct into your beds outside. The soil can still be cold and wet so the use of cloches will protect the delicate seedlings from frost and rain and speed up the development of your crops. If you haven't planted those chitted early seed potatoes get them in now or start thinking about planting some second earlies or chitting some main crops ready to plant out next month.

Don't forget to watch out for slugs and snails that will be waiting to pounce on those new juicy seedlings.

You will need to step up the watering of any indoor plants and remember to check that shrubs and plants in outdoor containers are not left to dry out. Remember the smaller growing space the plant has to grow in the more it will need feeding and watering.

Divide hostas before they come into leaf and divide primulas after flowering. Dead head winter flowering pansies before they go to seed to encourage new flowers throughout the spring.

Move any evergreen shrubs and trees that are in the wrong place before the warm weather arrives. Finish planting those herbaceous perennials to fill up any gaps and complete that stunning border of colour.

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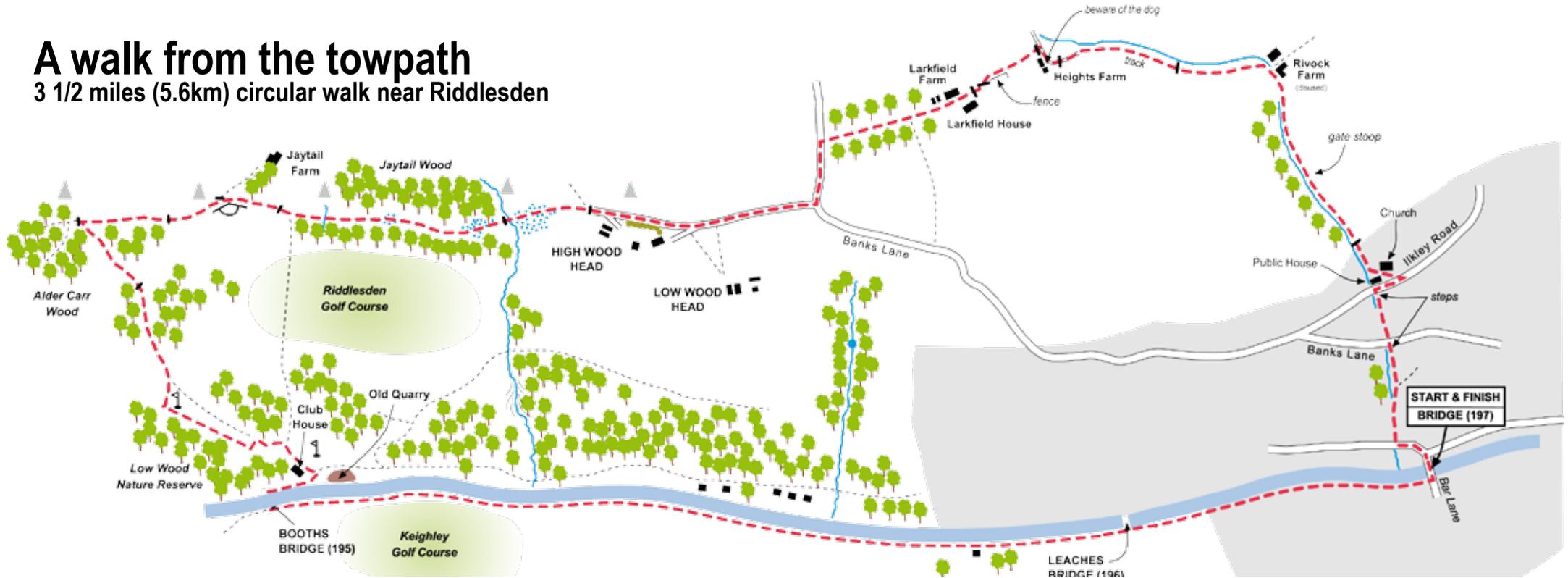
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A walk from the towpath

3 1/2 miles (5.6km) circular walk near Riddlesden



Walk information

Starting and finishing along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal the walk soon leaves the valley bottom as it starts a steep climb up the northern side of the Aire Valley via Riddlesden Golf Course (watch out for flying golf balls!). Near to Jay Tail Farm at the highest point of the route, pause a while to enjoy the long distance views up and down the Aire Valley before starting your return journey, level at first then a gentle decent for an easy finish.

Although an ideal family walk, the gates, stiles and rough terrain make this walk not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with limited mobility.

The walk start point

Leeds and Liverpool Canal swing bridge (197) at the top of Bar Lane Riddlesden, near Keighley. Accessed from the B6265 old Keighley / Bradford Road.

The Walk Route

From canal bridge (197) at the top of Bar

Lane, turn left to walk along the towpath in the direction of Skipton for approximately 1 1/2 miles (2.4km) until you reach canal bridge (195) (Booths Bridge) passing Leaches Bridge (196) along the way. On reaching Booths Bridge (195), turn right to cross the canal bridge bearing right on the opposite side to walk uphill following the rough track eventually emerging at the top opposite the 18th green of Riddlesden Golf Club. Here turn left to walk steadily uphill passing in front of the clubhouse following the track as it meanders beneath the trees. After a short distance, the first tee is on your left and the fairway opens up in front of you, turn left here off the right of way to cross the fairway in front of the first tee towards the dry stone wall. On reaching the wall turn right to walk uphill to follow the permissive path along the edge of the fairway keeping close to the wall on your left. At the top of the fairway the path turns right still following the wall on your left along the top side of the green

on your right. Just beyond the green the path turns sharp left and rejoins the right of way still following the stone wall on your left and crossing a second tee as you make your way uphill under the trees to a field gate and stile. Over the stile the path continues straight ahead still with the stone wall on your left as you make your way uphill heading towards the electricity pylon which can be seen ahead. On nearing the pylon look out for the stile in the wall on the left, situated next to a walled up gateway. Do not go over the stile but turn sharp right to walk steadily uphill across the field walking parallel to the tumbled down stone wall on your left to a field gate which is initially hidden from view by a tree. On reaching the gate go Along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, Riddlesden through to cross a second field heading towards the farm buildings of Jaytail Farm which can be seen ahead. On reaching a second field gate at the bottom of the track which leads up to Jaytail Farm do not go through the gate

but turn right and continue across the field walking parallel to the stone wall on your left to the ladder stile over the wall ahead. Climb over the stile back onto Riddlesden Golf Course. The path, which is often overgrown with bracken is straight ahead keeping as near as the vegetation will allow to the wall on your left. Continue along the top of the golf course eventually exiting at the far end via a stile through a boundary wall hidden beneath the trees. Over the stile and across a small stream the path continues straight ahead uphill (take care here as this short section is often very wet). On reaching the crest of the hill, head for the field gate which can be seen a short distance away across the field. Go through the gate to join a grassy track downhill for a short distance to where it meets the surfaced access road near Wood Head Lodge the bungalow on your right From here take the surfaced road straight ahead soon passing the hamlet of High

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which changes to a wooden fence as you start to bear right around the edge of the field heading for the buildings of Rivock Farm (disused) which can be seen ahead. On reaching the farm do not enter the farm yard but turn right down the obvious farm track walking with the rear of the farm building on your left. At the end of the building where the track enters the top end of a field the footpath is straight ahead steeply downhill following the line of mature trees and a stream on your right, eventually passing an old stone gate stoop on your left as you continue down a second field to a field gate.

Through the gate the footpath follows the rough access track downhill soon bearing left between the houses and in front of Ilkley Road Methodist Church to join Ilkley Road. Cross Ilkley Road turning right on the opposite side to walk the 100yds/91mts downhill to rejoin the footpath by turning left off Ilkley road down a few stone steps (WARNING THESE STEPS BECOME VERY SLIPPERY WHEN WET) to join a narrow setted path leading down to Banks Lane.

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Haworth Oxenhope Lees & Crossroads Gardeners and Allotment Holders Association are looking for a secretary to arrange the annual show. Meetings are held every two months with a small committee. anybody who is interested please call Ernest Thomas on 01535645107. The show this year will be held on Sunday the 28th of August in the village community hub Butt Lane Haworth.

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Tues 5th April 7.30pm Cross Roads & Lees Ladies Group meet at St James Church Hall. Patricia Clough will be talking about men & theatre

Thurs 7th April 6pm Cross Roads Bowling Club is actively seeking new blood. We have 8 teams competing in 4 local leagues of varying standards. We will be holding practice sessions monthly on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings throughout the 2016 season for anyone interested to come along and have a go. We are, and have always been, part of the community, people from all walks of life and interests, and look forward to sharing our passion with new members..

Thurs 7th April Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association. 7-30pm at Oxenhope Community Centre. Jeanne Stitt will speak on Out of Africa. Visitors £3-00 including refreshments..

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Sat 9th April 10am -12 at Hall Green Chapel, Haworth or Lees Methodist Church, Cross Roads,

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Mon 11th April 1-3pm Monday

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Mon 11th April 7.30pm Stanbury & District WI held at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth Arts & Crafts/ Marquetry by Mr & Mrs Kellett.

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Tues 12th April 7.30pm Parkside Social Club Friends of Central Park, Haworth Meeting.

Fri 15th - Sun 17th April Haworth Beer Festival at the Old School Rooms, Haworth. Over 40 local ales and far a field brews! This event has

grown to be a must for beer lovers and non beer lovers as we offer the 'Vintage Cocktail Bar' and VIP lounge area, we have ciders, prosecco, wines and one top premium larger on draught! Sunday is Family Fun Day for Manorlands Hospice, we have a mobile soft play area by Rosie Roos, Tea Party by Petite Waffles of Haworth pop up parties. we will be raising cash for the Hospice by tombolas, raffles and door entry

Thurs 21st April 7.30pm Oxenhope Gardening Club celebrates 25 years in Oxenhope Community Centre, Local Dahlia expert Mike Cunningham will talk about using Dahlias in the garden. He will bring plants for sale. Why not come and join us and learn more about this diverse and colourful group of plants? Tickets £3 non-members.

Fri 22nd April Haworth Cinema presents BRIDGE OF SPIES (12A) at West Lane Baptist at 7:30pm, adults £4, children & students £2.

Sun 24th April 10 am - 4 pm Keighley Model Railway Club Open Day.

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Sun 24th April Museum Open Day "60 years of Leyland Atlantean"

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Sun 24th April The village choir, the **Oxnop Singers, will be performing their concert in the Community Centre at 7.15 pm.** They have invited Hebden Bridge Junior Band to take part in the concert with them - so it should be a really enjoyable evening. As usual the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to charity - this time it will be in support of people suffering from multiple sclerosis. Tickets are £6 each and they are available from Avril on 01535 646158 or Susan on 01535 644995.

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Sat 30th April 1 - 3pm at Cliffe Castle Keighley Launch of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Exhibition.

Sat 30th April, Sun 1st & Mon 2nd May Haworth Craft Fairs 10am - 4pm at Haworth Old School Rooms.

Mon 2nd May to Sat 7th May Jane Eyre at Keighley Playhouse. A Romantic Drama.

Tues 3rd May 7.30pm Cross Roads & Lees Ladies Group meet at St James Church Hall. Womens Health - speaker Jill Simons

Thurs 5th May Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association members will meet for lunch at 12-noon at Woodbank Garden Centre, Harden.

Fri 6th May & Sat 6th May at 7.30pm Haworth West Lane Baptist Amateur Operatic Society present 'Out of the Box' at Haworth West Lane Baptist Church. Matinee performance on Saturday May 7th at 2.15pm. This will be a lively concert with comedy sketches, recitations and lots of music and humour..Come along and enjoy the fun. Ticket prices Friday & Saturday evenings £8 adults £5 children. Saturday Matinee £6 for adults and £3 for children. For tickets ring Vera on 01535 643425.

Fri 6th May 7.30pm St Mary's Oxenhope Talk by Ann Dinsdale Oxenhope Connections in the Bronte Novels. Tickets are £5 with light refreshments . Tickets from the Coop, Church & Vicarage.

Sat 7th & Sun 8th May 10am - 4pm Bronte Vintage Gathering is an annual two day fun filled family event taking place at Haworth Road Cullingworth. This will be our 18th year and over that period we have raised over £340,000 for Manorlands Hospice. The attractions this year include the Xtreme Stunt team, plus The Sheep Show, humorous view of dancing sheep! Dog agility display, terrier racing, clay pigeon shoot, Blackpool donkeys, SMJ falconry, various fairground rides, bouncy castles & slides. Vintage vehicles, trade stands, craft tent, community stalls in the Old Spot bar marquee and Catering to suit all tastes. Saturday at 5pm is the collectors sale in the adjoining field. Free entertainment with live band in the bar marquee on Saturday night Auction of donated goods Sunday at 2pm.

Sun 8th May Family Pop up Fayre at The Old School Rooms, Haworth 12-5pm. Art, Design, treats, vintage etc.

Fri 13 to Sun 15th May Haworth 1940's Weekend.

Fri 13th May Museum at Night Sharing Stories from Wartime 6.30pm - 8pm at Bronte Parsonage. FREE to residents of BD20, 21 & 22

Sat 14th May St James' Church Cross Roads/Lees are holding an Arts and Crafts table top sale and are looking for sellers who would like to rent a table top. Funds raised are in aid of the church roof appeal. Anybody interested Please contact Mr John Calvert on 01535645234 - 07761011064 or email calvrtphotoman@aol.com

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A Warm Welcome to Keighley for BID manager



Paul Howard (left) is welcomed to Keighley by Airedale Masterplan Manager, Paul North.

Despite the arrival of snow and ice when Keighley's newly appointed BID Manager, Paul Howard, began his tenure in March, there was a warm welcome at the Airedale offices. Aire Valley Magazine editor Liz Barker was keen to say hello and see how Paul was settling in. Having been a member of the marketing team that successfully delivered the Business Improvement District (BID) proposals, Liz understood the significance of Paul's appointment and wanted to learn more about the man who would be working with the BID team to move the project forward.

Tell us a little about yourself Paul.

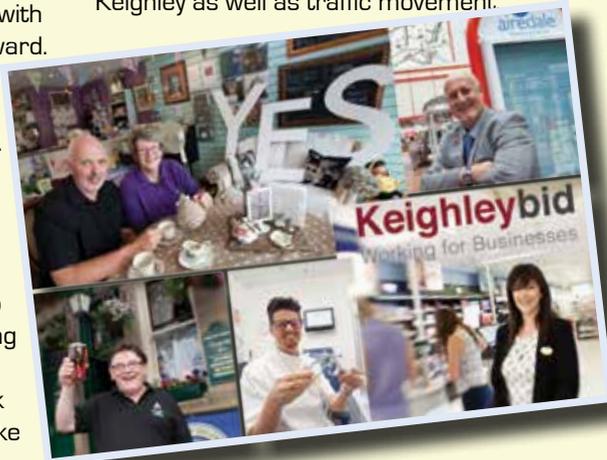
I'm married with 2 children, both boys. One just coming up to his GCSE's so a nerve wracking time! I've worked in Place Management and Project Management since 2002 and have moved around the country with my job starting in the North West then moving to the West Midlands then on to the South West before finally coming back to the North West. There's no place like home.

What will your role be in implementing the Keighley Business Improvement District plan?

My role will essentially be about putting into action the plan that was decided by the business community. In this type of work, it's vital that the private and public sectors are effectively co-operating so I have a great board made up of local business people and the council. It will be the board that ultimately give me direction and approve any plans and my job is to make them happen.

What are your first impressions of Keighley?

First impressions are absolutely crucial when we are trying to attract new visitors to the town centre and I would have to say that overall, I have a very positive impression of Keighley. The town centre is clean and compact and it has all the shops and businesses I would need on a day to day basis. Of course, there are always things to improve and I have to say that signage is one of the things we need to look at in Keighley as well as traffic movement.



What can the Keighley residents and businesses expect as actions and outputs in the first 100 days of your new post?

The first 100 days will be about putting in place the foundations of the Keighley BID and how we intend to deliver the business plan. Getting the branding right for me is vital as it says a lot about us as a town centre and as a business and is something that will be in use for the full 5 year term. Of course, we are also putting in place plans for some exciting new events in Keighley and supporting some existing events to attract existing and new visitors into the town centre.

As an experienced Place Manager what are the biggest challenges you expect to face?

20 years ago the Internet barely existed. If you did use it, you were tethered to a big and bulky PC and had to wait an age to download anything. Of course now, people can access the web pretty much wherever they are. People can do their shopping on the train or bus on the way home and have it delivered to their hand the next day. My biggest challenge, and one of the biggest challenges for most high streets up and down the country is about managing a structured change to a digital world and giving people great reasons to carry on using their town centres. This is by making sure they are clean, green and accessible and there is a reason to visit.

What can local people do to support the BID?

Feedback from visitors is always very useful when we are planning our work for the year. Our new website will have a function to leave feedback on their town centre experience and we will



Postcard images of the businesses that supported the successful BID proposal for the town.

be offering some great incentives for people to get involved. I would have to say then that just something simple like offering feedback on what they feel we are getting right and where we need to re-think would be a great support.

How can businesses outside the BID area get involved?

Businesses outside of the BID area can pay a membership fee into the BID and benefit from a range of services and marketing opportunities that we can offer. A healthy town centre is a huge benefit to a business in terms of attracting and retaining the right members of staff so I would say to any business outside of the BID area to contact me to discuss.

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